
Title: The Jukan Traditions I

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The Great Mother

The Great Mother is the patron matriarch of all Jukans, and is the divine being who granted the Jukans their status as honorable warriors and glorious clans. It was through the Great Mother's guidance that the first Shirron was enstated and the clans united, and it was the Great Mother's will that the Blessed Halls of Honor and the ritual of the Life Song were instituted. The Great Mother gave of herself to bless the Jukans and to grace us with her favor, and it is by her favor that battles are won or lost. To blaspheme against the Great Mother is a source of extreme dishonor, and to deny her is the swiftest way to ensure one's own defeat. The Great Mother has promised to all honorable Jukans that in death they shall be raised up into her Embrace, to serve and protect as her holy guardians.

The Shirron

Each clan of the Jukans once held their own Warlord and Clan Leader, and in the Dark Times these clans fought bitterly and harshly with one another to search for supremacy and dominance. Under the guidance of the Great Mother, this was quashed

to unite the clans under
a single leader to be
designated as the Shirron,
and that it would be the
most worthy and
honorable leader that the
Jukans had to offer.
Since the first Shirron
was chosen by the Great
Mother herself, whenever
the Shirron has died or
become too old to
continue performing his
duties, a new Shirron is
chosen by way of the
Great Tournament, in
which Warlords may
compete for the right to
be placed on the throne.
At least one clan other
than the competitors'
own must support a
competitor for them to
be able to compete for
the throne of Shirron.

The Keeners

For all Jukans who die an
honorable death, at least
one keener shall be
appointed to cry and
lament over the passing
of the honored dead.
Keeners should be
appointed from the
dead's own clan. Each
clan has their own rules
for how long and how
many keeners are
appointed, and in what
manner it is assessed. An
exception to this is the
Shirron, for whom the
keeners must lament and
weep for fifty days
after the Shirron's
funeral, and accompany
the ashes back to the
Shirron's original clan's
tomb. In an exception to
all other honored dead,
keeners for the Shirron
may come from any of
the Jukan clans.